Shortage of Teachers in Technical Institutions

941. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute shortage of teachers of different categories in technical and technological Institutions in the capital and elsewhere in the country;

(b) what steps are being taken to remove the shortage caused by the diversion of qualified personnel to industry for high salary and perks; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to publish and implement the Dogra Committee report on pay scales for teachers in technical and technological Institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) To attract and retain the best talent in the country, as teachers in the technical institutions, a National Expert Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. R.N. Dogra to look into the matter and make recommendations particularly in respect of revision of pay scales, qualifications and conditions of services of teachers in technical institutions. The report submitted by the Committee is under consideration by the Government.

Setting up of Motels

942. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any proposal for setting up of a chain of motels so as to improve tourism in the country; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL):

(a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Expansion of the Centralised Accident Trauma Services Schemes in Delhi

943. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to expand the Centralised Accidents and Trauma Services Schemes in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The scheme in the first phase was started on modest scale on 13th April, 1988, and the details for the expansion of the scheme are being worked out on the basis of experience gained so far.

Scheme for promotion of tribal folk art and culture

944. SHRI RAJNI RAJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to launch a scheme for the promotion and dissemination of tribal folk art and culture; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of India, in the Department of Culture, has launched a scheme for Promotion and Dissemination of Tribal and Folk Art and Culture under the Seventh Five Year Plan.

(b) This Scheme envisages to provide grants/subsidies to registered Voluntary Organisations, Institutions and Individuals who are engaged in the area of the promotion and preservation of Tribal art and crafts. Its main objectives are given below:—

(i) to provide the tribal with opportunities to conduct their cultural activities including the "Utsavas" (festivals and festivities) in their environment and to collect and preserve their art and craft in their millieu;

(ii) to promote and support documentation research and survey;

(iii) to assist the educational authorities of the State Governments concerned in identifying projects which will help to integrate the educational system particularly the curricula; and

(iv) to disseminate the awareness of the richness of tribal/rural culture, particularly among the urban educated people.

The Scheme had been circulated among States/UTs for inviting applications from eligible organisations, institutions etc. An Expert Advisory Committee has also been set up in the Department of Culture to advise the Government on the implementation of the Scheme for providing financial assistance. The Scheme was, however deferred from implementation during the last financial year as an economy measure under drought conditions. During the current year, the applications have again been invited from eligible organisations/individuals etc. for consideration of grant of financial assistance under this scheme.

A provision of Rs. 45.00 lakh for this scheme has been made for the year 1988-89.

Setting up of Tourism Finance Corporation

945. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Committee on Tourism has recommended the setting up of Tourism Finance Corporation, if so, whether Government are considering developmental treatment for tourism industry;

(b) whether the said Committee has suggested package appraisal of the industry and suggested urgent restructuring of organisational aspect of the tourism industry, if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter; and

(c) what are the salient features of the recommendations of the Committee and whether it has suggested privatisation of Indian Airlines to develop tourism industry in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes Sir. The National Committee on Tourism has recommended the setting up of Tourism Finance Corporation. However the decision on the recommendation has yet to be taken.

(b) and (c) The National Committee on Tourism has recommended, *inter-alia* a package of financial incentives for tourism-related activities to motivate higher investment in the tourism sector; reorganisation of the Department of Tourism, India Tourism Development Corporation and the Training Institutes under the Department of Tourism; and the strategy for rapid augmentation of air and ground transportation capacity including partial privatisation of Indian Airlines.

A final view on these recommendations is yet to be taken.